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For: METHOD AND MOLD FOR MANUFACTURE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING THE DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

February 17, 2000

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

The documents were cited in an Office Action dated January 5, 2000 in connection with the corresponding Japanese application. The attached "comments" reflect the Examiner's statements in that Office Action (see "Information Disclosure Statement" for the document numbers).

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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